

JUNE 04, 2023 - OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS.

(A monthly wildlife census of the refuge property since March 02, 1969.)

ROUTES: East Side, West Side, Western Prairies, and Fox Unit in the morning; Wildlife Drive in the afternoon.

TIME: 7:35am - 12:15pm; 1:20pm - 4:20pm TEMP.: 62F ~ 70F COND.: Cool and sunny with steady NE winds

at 5-15mph all day.

OBS. EAST: Suzie Dillman, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Al & Betty Schlecht. OBS. WEST: Susan Brauning, Katie Clink (and her blue-tick sidekick, Maggie), Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, George Novosel. OBS. WEST PRAIRIES:

Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. FOX UNIT: Douglas W. Vogus. OBS. WILDLIFE DRIVE: Bob Bartolotta, Suzie Dillman,

Claire Johnson, Jim Koppin, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES. *(Recorded since 04/2002)*

1. Eastern Cottontail - 16
2. Woodchuck - 5
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 14
4. Common Muskrat - 6 (plus one dead)
5. Red Fox - 1 (First June Record on Census & Tied Census High from 07/2003, 08/2003, 01/2006, 07/2008, 07/2014 & 02/2018)
6. Common Raccoon - 6 (New Census High - previous was 5 on 06/2015, 08/2015 & 06/2016)
7. White-tailed Deer - 3

II. BIRDS: 87 SPECIES, 3,188 TOTAL BIRDS. *(Recorded since 03/1969)*

1. Canada Goose - 430
2. Mute Swan - 5
3. Trumpeter Swan - 117 (cygnet groups of 2, 5, & 5)
4. Wood Duck - 127 (one female with 15 ducklings)
5. Blue-winged Teal - 1 (m) (at Henry Marsh along Krause Rd.)
6. Mallard - 34
7. Pied-billed Grebe - 13
8. Mourning Dove - 16
9. Chimney Swift - 2
10. Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2
11. King Rail - 1 (calling from west side of Pool 9 East on Wildlife Drive - Fourth June Record on Census)
12. Virginia Rail - 1
13. Common Gallinule - 5
14. American Coot - 1
15. Killdeer - 42 (6 young)
16. Spotted Sandpiper - 8
17. Ring-billed Gull - 4
18. Herring Gull - 2
19. Common Tern - 2

20. Double-crested Cormorant - 57
21. American White Pelican - 87 (flocks of 11, 12, 14, & 50 birds - Fifth June Record on Census)
22. Least Bittern - 1 (flew across open water where King Rail was calling)
23. Great Blue Heron - 61
24. Great Egret - 143
25. Snowy Egret - 4
26. Green Heron - 2
27. Black-crowned Night-Heron - 5
28. Turkey Vulture - 32
29. Osprey - 2
30. Northern Harrier - 1 (flying over Veler Rd. heading south where MS 3 & MS 2 meet - Tenth June Record on Census)
31. Cooper's Hawk - 1
32. Bald Eagle - 26 (7 adult,17 immature,2 juvenile - not all nests visible due to closures)
33. Red-tailed Hawk - 3
34. Red-headed Woodpecker - 2
35. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2
36. Downy Woodpecker - 5
37. Hairy Woodpecker - 1
38. Northern Flicker - 15
39. American Kestrel - 2 (Grimm Prairie nest appears active according to the scolding I got entering the prairie)
40. Great Crested Flycatcher - 7
41. Eastern Kingbird - 23
42. Eastern Wood-Pewee - 4
43. Alder Flycatcher - 2 (Tied Census High from 06/1991, 06/2001, 06/2002 & 06/2021)
44. Willow Flycatcher - 22
45. Eastern Phoebe - 2
46. Warbling Vireo - 39
47. Red-eyed Vireo - 4
48. Blue Jay - 10
49. Black-capped Chickadee - 1
50. Tufted Titmouse - 2
51. Horned Lark - 2
52. Tree Swallow - 186
53. Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 4
54. Purple Martin - 76
55. Barn Swallow - 40
56. Cliff Swallow - 13
57. Cedar Waxwing - 10
58. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3
59. House Wren - 40
60. Marsh Wren - 18
61. Carolina Wren - 1
62. Gray Catbird - 16
63. Brown Thrasher - 5
64. European Starling - 163
65. Eastern Bluebird - 2

66. Wood Thrush - 1
67. American Robin - 86
68. House Sparrow - 17
69. House Finch - 13
70. American Goldfinch - 25
71. Chipping Sparrow - 4
72. Field Sparrow - 8
73. Song Sparrow - 86
74. Swamp Sparrow - 5
75. Eastern Meadowlark - 3
76. Orchard Oriole - 3
77. Baltimore Oriole - 8
78. Red-winged Blackbird - 572
79. Brown-headed Cowbird - 24
80. Common Grackle - 82
81. Prothonotary Warbler - 16 (New Census High - previous was 15 on 06/2022)
82. Common Yellowthroat - 30
83. American Redstart - 1
84. Yellow Warbler - 194
85. Scarlet Tanager - 1
86. Northern Cardinal - 31
87. Indigo Bunting - 18

III. REPTILES: 7 SPECIES. (*Recorded since 04/2002*)

1. Common Snapping Turtle - 3
2. Map Turtle - 4
3. Red-eared Turtle - 2
4. Midland Painted Turtle - 48
5. Eastern Spiny Softshell - 1
6. Northern Water Snake - 1
7. Eastern Garter Snake - 3 (1 black morph)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 1 SPECIES. (*Recorded since 04/2002*)

1. Bullfrog - 3

V. FISHES: 2 SPECIES. (*Recorded since 04/2002*)

1. Common Carp - many (large, thrashing schools of mating carp are impossible to count - Tied Census High from 25 other times)
2. Blackstripe Topminnow - 7 (First June Record on Census)

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 7 SPECIES. (*Recorded since 04/2002*)

1. Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - 7 (Tied Census High from 08/2022)
2. Spicebush Swallowtail - 1 (First June Record on Census)
3. Painted Lady - 1 (Second June Record on Census)
4. Viceroy - 1
5. Monarch - 3
6. Silver-spotted Skipper - 4
7. Least Skipper - 1

VII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 10 SPECIES, 2 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS. (*Recorded since 05/2018*)

1. Common Green Darner
2. Prince Baskettail - 1 (at Henry Marsh - New Species of Odonata on Census - currently at 21 Species since 05/2018)
3. Eastern Pondhawk
4. Blue Dasher (Fifth June Record on Census)
5. Eastern Amberwing (Second June Record on Census)
6. Black Saddlebags
7. Familiar Bluet (Third June Record on Census)
8. Orange Bluet (Fifth June Record on Census)
9. Fragile Forktail - 9 (West Side - New Species of Odonata on Census - currently at 22 Species since 05/2018)
10. Eastern Forktail

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